

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for deployment of components, comprising:

defining dependencies by components of pluggable component-based software, wherein at least one component of a deployable bundle is provided by a third party;

generating, by the cooperating interface, a list of defined dependencies;

identifying, by the cooperating interface, files associated with the list of defined dependencies;

processing, by the cooperating interface, the list of defined dependencies and identified files to generate the deployable bundle; and

deploying the deployable bundle.
2. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising deploying the deployable bundle to a cooperating environment.
3. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising merging the dependency list, the identified files, and default component elements to generate the deployable bundle.
4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising scanning the components to identify default elements and non-default elements.
5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising providing an installer component for inclusion in the deployable bundle.
6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 5, further comprising validating the deployable bundle by installing the deployable bundle in a computing environment.

7. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising providing configuration files for inclusion in the deployable bundle.
8. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the processing step further comprises merging the dependency list, the identified files, and default component elements to generate the deployable bundle.
9. (Original) The method as recited in claim 8, further comprising providing a merge module for performing the merge of the dependency list, the identified files, and default component elements to generate the deployable bundle.
10. (Previously Presented) A computer readable storage medium having computer readable instructions for:
 - defining dependencies by components of pluggable component-based software, wherein at least one component of a deployable bundle is provided by a third party;
 - generating, by the cooperating interface, a list of defined dependencies;
 - identifying, by the cooperating interface, files associated with the list of defined dependencies;
 - processing, by the cooperating interface, the list of defined dependencies and identified files to generate the deployable bundle; and
 - deploying the deployable bundle.
- 11-14. (Cancelled)
15. (Previously Presented) A computer system having a processor configured to deploy a package having dependencies comprising:

dependency data representative of the dependencies of components of the package, the package comprising pluggable component-based software, wherein at least one component of a deployable bundle is provided by a third party; and

a merge module to merge the dependency data with the components of the package to generate the deployable bundle.

16. (Original) The system as recited in claim 15, further comprising an installer, the installer being merged by the merge module to generate the deployable bundle.

17. (Original) The system as recited in claim 16, further comprising configuration information, the configuration information being merged by the merge module to generate the deployable bundle.

18. (Original) The system as recited in claim 17, further comprising default package components, the default package components being merged by the merge module to generate the deployable bundle.

19. (Original) The system as recited in claim 18, further comprising a communication means for use in communicating the deployable bundle to a cooperating computing environment.

20. (Original) The system as recited in claim 19, further comprising a validation means to validate the proper deployment of the package.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer system having a processor for use in the deployment of components having dependencies comprising:

means for determining the dependencies of components of pluggable component-based software, wherein at least one component of a deployable bundle is provided by a third party, the components defining the dependencies to the means for determining;

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means for merging the determined dependencies with the components of the pluggable component-based software to generate the deployable bundle.

22. (Original) The system as recited in claim 21, further comprising an installation means, the installation means cooperating with the merging means for installing the deployable bundle.